



**Environmental  
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May 31, 2012

Mr. Bruce Bailey  
Vice President of Technical Affairs  
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**Subject: Ringler Energy LLC Aerobic Digester Air Permit Application**

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Upon reviewing the PTIO application for an Aerobic Digester for Ringler Energy LLC, it was determined that the emissions unit qualifies for an Ohio Legislature Exclusion for agricultural productions operations under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.01. The Ohio Legislature provides for a specific exclusion for agricultural production operations if certain criteria are met. The specific criteria are contained within the definition of air contaminant as defined in ORC 3704.01 (B).

Ohio EPA has reviewed the April 12, 2012, PTIO application for the Ringler Energy LLC and determined that it is an agricultural production activity as defined in ORC Section 929.01 and would not be subject to permitting requirements under ORC 3704.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (614) 995-0672 or email [luke.mountjoy@ohio.gov](mailto:luke.mountjoy@ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

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